

5. The pick assembly as defined in claim 1 wherein said shaft portion comprises a metallic shaft-core portion of circular cross-sectional shape, surrounded by a tubular close-fitting non-metallic sleeve.

6. The pick assembly as defined in claim 1 wherein said handle portion comprises:

a cylindrical handle-core made from metal material; and

a tubular handle-sleeve of non-metallic material closely surrounding the handle-core portion.

7. The pick assembly as defined in claim 2 wherein said tubular handle-sleeve comprises:

a tubular inner handle-sleeve portion made from relatively solid plastic material; and

a tubular outer handle-sleeve portion made from foam plastic material, closely surrounding said inner handle-sleeve portion.

8. The pick assembly as defined in claim 7 wherein said handle-core is configured with a central threaded bore by which said shaft portion is threadedly attached to said handle-core.

9. The pick assembly as defined in claim 7 wherein said handle portion further comprises:

a machine screw, engaging the central threaded bore of said handle-core, having a head portion thereby retaining said handle-sleeve to said handle-core.